

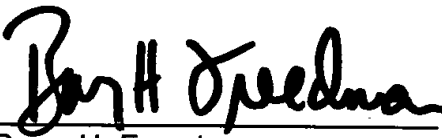
Remarks

The Office Draftsman is being requested to augment Fig. 5b by adding two dashed arrows which were inadvertently omitted. These arrows show the path that packets take as they traverse a network of interconnected nodes. The missing arrows would be easily discerned by a person skilled in the art, and thus do not constitute new matter.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct the typographical error in the numbering of the subparagraphs contained within that claim.

Claim 9 has been amended to remove an unnecessary limitation. The substance of that limitation has been included in a new Claim 13 which depends from amended Claim 9.

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